Canada Has 'Doubts' About Truce Role

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (UPI)—Canadian External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp said today that Canada, although it had "serious doubts," is prepared to serve on a cease-fire supervisory commission in Vietnam for up to 60 days.

Sharp told Parliament that Canada would formally agree to join Indonesia, Hungary and Poland on the international supervisory group as soon as peace documents were signed by all four parties to the Paris talks.

He said that a decision would be made some time before the end of the 60-day period whether Canada would make a longer commitment to the pacekeeping operation.

"It is no secret that we have serious doubts about what we are being asked to do," Sharp said.

About 400 Canadian troops have been given vaccinations and documentation for immediate duty in Vietnam, and Sharp's remarks indicated they could be dispatched shortly after all four parties sign the cease-fire agreements, scheduled for Saturday.

Sharp said the Canadian government had just received the detailed agreement and had not had time to study it in detail. "However, a first look indicates that our conditions have been included in the documents," she said.

Canada's conditions included freedom of movement, assurance that the agreements were "workable," and agreement by all four of the belligerents. For any participation longer than 60 days, Canada also had insisted on the designation of a continuing political authority such as the United Nations Security Council—somebody other than the belligerents themselves—to which the observer teams would report.

Sharp said that Canada would not use its forces to enforce peace, but only to report on it.

Poland Says It Will Participate in ICC

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WARSAW, Jan. 24—Poland will participate in the commission to supervise the Vietnam cease-fire, a government spokesman said today. However, he added, details concerning Poland's work in the commission are "now a subject of consultation and therefore it is too early to talk about them."

Poland, along with Canada and India, is also a member of the International Control Commission in Indochina set up after the 1954 Geneva peace agreement. As an ICC member, Poland already has military representatives in Saigon.

Indonesia Says Troops Set to Go to Vietnam

JAKARTA, Jan. 24—Indonesian troops for supervising the Vietnam cease-fire are expected to fly to Vietnam later this week, Foreign Minister Adam Malik said here today.

He said the troops should be at their posts by the time the cease-fire becomes effective Saturday at midnight.

Malik said that the Indonesian ambassador in Cambodia, Maj. Gen. H. R. Harsono has been temporarily appointed to head the indonesian contingent. He has been Travelling between Phnom Penh and Saigon, Malik said.

Malik said the U.S. ambassador in Jakarta had asked him during a meeting this morning whether Indonesia is ready with its troops to supervise the cease-fire. "I told him we are ready at any time."